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Documents 0118618 (EPO), 3304349 (Germany), and 2951827 (Germany) are not in the English language. An English translation of these foreign-language documents is not readily available.

Documents 0118618 (EPO) and 3304349 (Germany) disclose a filter sheet material consisting of an air-permeable, pliable, especially textile support which is covered only partially with a uniformly distributed adhesive on which adsorber particles, especially active carbon beads, are fixed and the use of such filter materials containing active carbon as adsorbent for protective suits.

Document 2951827 (Germany) discloses a material for protection against chemicals and short-term heating effects that is made up of an air-permeable flexible base or support layer for adsorber particles, more specially, porous ones, which are placed on support columns or hairs on at least one side of the support layer. The document further discloses that, in a process for making the material, the adhesive composition is put on to the base or support material at separate points or dots in a viscous form and then the adsorber grains are placed on top of the composition. Then, by the action of centrifugal force or otherwise, the adsorber grains are moved upwards, away from the support layer, pulling out hairs or columns of the adhesive composition, which are then changed into a solid condition.



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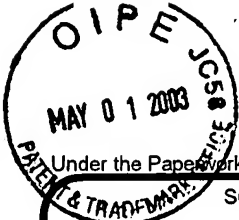
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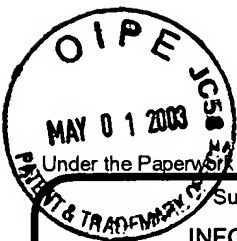
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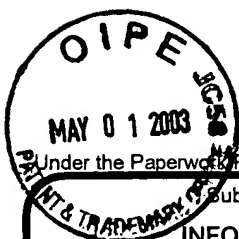
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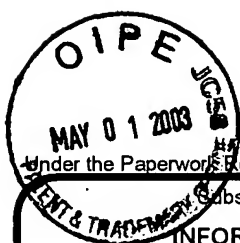
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